

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 26, 27, 33-38, and 41 are now pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. Basis for the amendments can be found throughout the specification, claims and drawings as originally filed. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection(s) in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112**

**Claim 34 is rejected** under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 34 has been amended to overcome the rejection.

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102**

**Claims 34-38 are rejected** under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by **Ruggiero** (U.S. Pat. No. 4,878,770). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 34 has been amended to define the step of forming a masking film after forming the opening. The masking film has a pattern that exposes a part of the portion of the metallic film in the opening and covers the sidewall of the conductive film in the opening. Thus, in the condition that the masking film covers the sidewall of the conductive film in the opening, the metallic film is etched in its exposed portion via the opening.

However, in ***Ruggiero***, as shown in Figure 3, the photo resist 30 does not cover the sidewall of the aluminum in an opening. ***Ruggiero*** fails to disclose the feature of the present invention in that the masking film covers the sidewall of the conductive film in the opening.

Thus, Applicants believe Claim 34, as amended, patentably distinguish over the art of record. Likewise, Claims 33-38, which ultimately depend from Claim 34, are also believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

#### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103**

**Claim 41 is rejected** under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over ***Ruggiero*** as applied to Claim 34 and in view of ***Kawasaki Steep Corp [KAWI]*** (English Abstract of JP 04157723 A). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As stated above, Claim 34 has been amended and is now believed to patentably distinguish over the art of record. Thus, Applicants believe Claim 41, which depends from Claim 34, also patentably distinguish over the art of record.

Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

#### **CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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